



# Tennessee CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Association, Inc.

Chartered in 1988, the mission of the Tennessee CASA Association is to support the development, continuation, and growth of its member agencies by

- Providing training and technical support to member agencies
- Assisting with the start-up of new agencies
- Monitoring legislation affecting the children and member agencies we serve
- Collaborating with programs throughout the TN that serve children and youth.



Sixteen CASA agencies cover 27 counties in Tennessee.

This means that 68 counties do not have a CASA program.

A major expansion effort is underway with the goal of starting 5 new CASA programs in un-served areas of the state each year.

## Quick Facts about Tennessee CASA programs ...

- 3,623 children served by 905 trained CASA volunteers providing 61,726 hours of service in 2005
  - In Tennessee, the cost per child served is \$490—compared to the national cost of \$840

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